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Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Evening Mass of Anticipation

4:00 PM Public & Livestream

Sunday Masses

8:00 AM Public

10:00 AM Public & Livestream (Masks required for all)

11:45 AM Public

5:00 PM Public & Livestream

Weekday Masses

7:30 AM Public

12:05 PM Public & Livestream

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Masks are required for everyone during Reconciliation

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11:15 to 11:45 AM

Saturday 3:15 to 3:45 PM

Watch Online:

Go to <https://www.spsact.org/news-and-events/virtual-mass/> to access our livestream Masses on Facebook, YouTube or StreamSpot.

Weekly Bulletin Deadline

Mondays by 12:00 NOON. Please submit all information to cabramo@spsact.org

Please Note: Easter Bulletin deadline is Thursday, April 6, 2022 at 12:00 NOON.

Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Saturday: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sunday from 9:00 to 11:00 AM

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, March 21: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 22: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 23: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 24: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 25: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday March 27: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Go to <http://www.usccb.org/> for readings online.

On the cover: *Moses and the Burning Bush, with Moses Removing His Shoes*; attributed to Dierick Bouts the Elder, who was born around 1415 in Haarlem, Netherlands, and died in Louvain, Belgium in 1475. Philadelphia Museum of Art.



Reporting Sexual Abuse: The Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province are committed to listening – attentively, respectfully and compassionately – to anyone who reports sexual abuse and misconduct against a friar. To bring a complaint, please call our Victim Assistance Coordinator, Angelica Jochim, MFT, at 1-800-770-8013 or email her at angelica.jochim@gmail.com, marked “Personal and Confidential.”

The Pastor's Corner

March 20, 2022

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

One of the hymns we will sing this weekend is called "Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord," a contemporary hymn written by British songwriter David J. Evans in 1986. Evans was involved in the charismatic movement but felt that some of its worship risked treating God in a trivial fashion. One of his inspirations was Exodus 3: 1–6, the first reading for Mass the Third Sunday of Lent, where Moses meets the Lord at the burning bush and is commanded: "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."

This is the text of one of the verses:

*Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with Holy fire, with splendor He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight – our radiant King of light.
Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.*

I think each of us has a sense of "holy ground" in our lives. It may be a particular location where an important or memorable event took place, like the place where you proposed to your spouse, or a favorite vacation destination. A friend of mine in New York refers to a particular spot in the Sheep Meadow in Central Park as holy ground because it was there that Barbra Streisand performed her concert in 1967!

Of course, we think of churches, cemeteries or battlefields such as Gettysburg as holy ground. There are others as well. For example, the other day I took a stroll around Bushnell Park and walked by the street where the "Black Lives Matter" sign was painted a few years ago during the protests over the killing of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer. It continues to be a stark reminder that we still have a long road to travel for racial justice in our nation.

As we witness the horrific scenes of death and destruction in Ukraine, I can't help but think of the courageous people of that nation fearlessly defending their right to exist as a free and independent country, and paying for that freedom with their own blood, sweat and tears. Ukraine has indeed become Holy Ground.

As we continue to pray for the people of Ukraine, I recommend

that you contribute to the Franciscan Relief Fund which is providing financial assistance to the Franciscan Friars in Ukraine who are determined to remain with their people throughout the Russian invasion. We will have a special collection on the weekend of April 2-3 for the Franciscan Relief Fund.



Please join me in congratulating Kimberly Nardone who will receive the St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation this Sunday afternoon at St. Joseph Cathedral. Kim has been a leader during the pandemic. She coordinates a group of teams, including Confirmation candidates, who prepare hot meals for the Warming Center on Sundays. When she discovered that Sunday was the only day folks there had hot dinners, she created a new set of teams to provide hot meals on Wednesday nights also. She organized a baking ministry to allow people to use their skills to prepare fresh baked goods for our Sandwich Ministry. Every Tuesday she can be found outside our Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry serving hot meals to the homeless and working poor. Congratulations, Kim!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, OFM

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Pastor



The Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much-needed assistance to the unemployed, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2022 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>.
No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

Our Lenten Journey Adult Faith Formation Programs

In-person Spiritual Practices During Lent 2022

Stations of the Cross on Fridays, March 25 & April 1, 8 following the 12:05 Mass in the church.

Praying the Rosary on Wednesdays, March 23, 30 & April 6, 13 at 7:00 PM in the Franciscan Center.

Searching Beyond Ourselves

Even before recorded history, starting with the civilizations of Sumer and Egypt around 3000 B.C.E., there is archeological evidence that (wo)men have searched for some one, some "thing" that is outside of themselves - some one/thing that can answer the eternal questions of "Who am I? Why am I here? How did this existence come into being? What does all of this mean?"

Join in **Tuesday, March 22 and Thursday, March 24 from 7:00 to 8:15 PM**, as we explore these questions through the lenses of history and religious history. Our presenter, Anita Ellis, has taught history at Gateway Community College as an adjunct since 2004. Anita has been a parishioner since 1992. [CLICK HERE to register](#) for this in-person 2-part program.

Moving from Lament to Hope in a Changing World

Have some of your friendships and family relationships become strained or even broken due to current issues in our culture?

How can we heal from the suffering of this pandemic time?

How can we have hope for the future?

Please join us in the Franciscan Center, **Thursdays, March 31 and April 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM** as we consider the condition of our relationships and the losses experienced. We will engage with the Japanese art of Kintsukuroi which fosters the idea that something broken can be mended and be made useful once again. We will also look to the themes from Holy Week to inspire our hope and wholeness. [CLICK HERE to register](#). Sponsored by the Women of Hope Ministry. Free Will Offering

Ongoing Programs:

Group Spiritual Reflection: Join us either in-person or via Zoom every Tuesday at 12:35 PM.

Please [CLICK HERE to register](#). It will allow us to plan a virtual/physical seat for everyone! If you plan to attend virtually, the Zoom link will be emailed to you. Co-Facilitators: Trudi Campbell and Pamela Morrison-Wolf.

People of Hope: Wednesdays from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. Facilitator: Pat Curtis. Please [CLICK HERE to register](#) for Zoom link.

Quiet Prayer: Every Wednesday morning from 7:30 - 8:00 AM. Zoom link can be found in Monday's parish-wide email or call the parish office at 860-756-4034 for more information.

Praying the Psalms: Join Fr. Francis Soucy, O.F.M. Thursdays, through the end of March from 10:30 - 11:30 AM. Please [CLICK HERE to register](#) for the Zoom link.



In-Person Prayer Shawl Ministry



Join our in-person meeting during the day on March 31, 2022 from 10:30 AM to Noon and enjoy storying telling and ministry knitted together.

The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents



The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents supports parents whose spiritual journey includes the death of a child. **Our next meeting is Sunday, March 20 at 3:15 PM, in person.** Please contact Karen directly by email at kdb518@aol.com. You are not on this journey alone.

Secular Franciscan Order

Is God calling you to live a life of love, peace and holiness in the model of St. Francis of Assisi? Join us for our gathering in the Franciscan Center on Sunday, March 27, 2022 to learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order. The rosary will be recited at 1:30 PM and the meeting starts at 2:00 PM.



Community Sunday Celebrating St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day

Join us following the 10:00 am Mass this Sunday, March 20, 2022, to celebrate the Feast Days of both St. Patrick and St. Joseph.

We are looking for bakers to provide Irish and/or Italian themed goodies. [CLICK HERE for St. Patrick's Day](#) Themed recipes; [CLICK HERE for St. Joseph's Day](#) Themed recipes; OR, bring your own favorite.



We invite you to join us in these upcoming Synod opportunities

This Synod moment in our Church is *quite significant* and *extraordinary*. **WE have been invited** by Pope Francis to participate in this global initiative for dialogue and dreaming!

Our faith community will provide opportunities for each of us to give input into the Pope's Synod. We are asked to share about our personal journeys with the Church. **Perhaps this is the first time anyone has ever invited you to do this – please don't miss out on this opportunity!**

Pope Francis wants to hear from YOU! [CLICK HERE to read more](#) about the upcoming Synod events and how you can join in and share your thoughts.

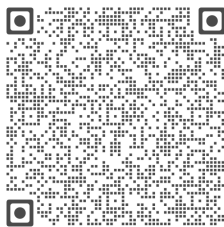
Join us following the 10:00 AM Mass on March 27, 2022

We will have 2 sessions following the 10:00 am Mass on March 27, 2022. One at the Franciscan Center and one online via Zoom. [CLICK HERE to receive the Zoom link.](#)



Easter Children and Youth Choir

Come sing with us for Easter. Our Easter Children and Youth Choir will be singing at the 10:00 am Mass on Easter Sunday. All Choir members will be fully masked during both the rehearsals and the Mass. High School and/or College aged youth leaders are welcome. Click or Scan the QR Code for more information.



Sister Parish Update: Survey Results are In

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Sister Parish Survey. The results gave the Sister Parish Committee a gauge on continuing our Covenantal relationship. There were 197 electronic responses and 5 paper responses.

We were very pleased that the breakout responses to the 5 multiple choice questions ranged from 98 to 74 % as strongly agreeing and agreeing with the questions. These included an awareness of the Covenant, the value to our parishioners, the personal value to individuals, and a willingness to become more involved in various ways. The Sister Parish Committee will be reviewing and responding to any concerns raised through the survey. If you would like to share additional comments, please contact the Parish office and leave your contact information.

We'd like to invite everyone interested in learning more and sharing ideas to an open Zoom meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. [CLICK HERE to register](#) and the Zoom link will be sent to you.

If in the survey you left contact information, we will be following up with you. Thank you again as we move forward with our Sister Parish.

Peace,
The Sister Parish Committee

Please Pray for the Sick

Paula Molitor, Joseph Shertick, Vincent Marella, Greg Reed, Alex Ayers, Kathryn Eagers, Tommie Henry, Cecy Mickey, Lauren Clark Steadwell, Jim Howard, Syl Ciraulo, Mary Ertel, Mary Joyce Castafero and Susan Degennaro.



In Loving Memory

Kenneth Langevin
Susanne Andreski



Gifts & Offerings

March 7 - 13, 2022

Collection: \$8,320.00

Online: \$10,480.23

Total: \$18,800.23

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Second Collection March 26/27



The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; devel-

opment projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless. Click or scan the QR Code to donate.



Donations for Ukraine

Our sisters, brother and their children are facing hunger, homelessness and evacuation because of the events that are currently happening in Ukraine. **The Franciscan Friars are staying to help and be with the people they serve.** Through the Franciscan Relief Fund, we will send funds to the Friars to help those who are in need of food, clothing and medicine. Please click on the Donate Now button or go to www.franciscanrelief.org give generously to help us help them.



Practice Solidarity while feeding your own family:

The St. Patrick-St. Anthony community has an opportunity to enable Hartford residents to improve their economic opportunities through a unique food ordering program. With the **Levo Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)** you get to pick up fresh produce, grown by our Hartford neighbors, here at mass each week. Christian Heiden, a member of our community and the founder of Levo International, will join us at masses this weekend to describe the program and you can learn more about Levo, its programs and how you can contribute to a more just food system at: www.levointernational.org, contacting communications@levointernational.org or by calling 844-947-2336.

Easter Memorial Flowers



The flowers and plants that decorate our church at Easter are a sign of our joy in the Resurrection of Christ and our hope in the resurrection of those who have gone before us. We invite you to remember deceased members of your family and friends with a donation for our Easter decorations and help offset the cost of our Easter decor. You can make your donation online by [CLICKING HERE](#)—Please indicate loved one's name(s) in Special Intentions. You can also use the form below to mail a donation to: St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church, 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103

The names of those received by Tuesday, April 5, 2022 will be noted in the bulletin for Easter Sunday.

Please Remember

during the Easter Season at St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 19, 2022

4:00 PM Wayne Urbanski

Sunday, March 20, 2022

8:00 AM William, Angie & JoAnn Speziale

10:00 AM Frank Perrone

11:45 AM Dora & Harold Adams

5:00 pm Sen. Biagio "Billy" Ciotto, 1st Anniversary

Monday, March 21, 2022

7:30 AM Deceased Members of the Dineen Family

12:05 PM Gretchen Craffey

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

7:30 AM Nelson Disenza

12:05 PM Deacon Jose A. Morales

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM James Dowd

Thursday, March 24, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Marie Walsh

Friday, March 25, 2022

7:30 AM Louis Sogaro

12:05 PM Encarnacion Nieves

Saturday, March 26, 2022

4:00 PM Edward Alexis, 8th Anniversary

Sunday, March 27, 2022

8:00 AM Vincent J. McHugh, Jr

10:00 AM Reverend William E. McGrath

11:45 AM Helen McDermott

5:00 pm Anne Botts

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In honor of the LGBTQ+ Community in
thanksgiving for their presence and service
in our Parish Ministries.
by Joan Steinen



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